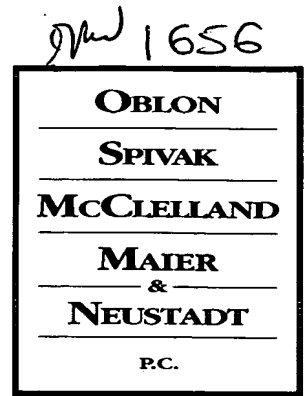




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In response to the Office Communication dated July 18, 2005, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
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**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.